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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Wichita (KS) Eagle: Should Wichita police name cops who shoot people? Citing death threats, board says no

A public advisory board is no longer recommending that the Wichita Police Department release names of officers involved in shootings, citing concerns over potential death threats to the families of officers.

"I'm not talking about hiding facts or anything, but when there's those death threats, I don't know how I can look at their family and say, 'Well, I'm going to release the name,'" Police Chief Gordon Ramsay said. "I struggle with that."

Ramsay's concerns of officer safety helped persuade the Citizen Review Board to no longer recommend that the department name officers involved in shootings and other so-called critical incidents. The board changed its position after previously suggesting that police create a new policy where names would generally be released.

GUN VIOLENCE

The Trace: Washington State debuts unique tool to reduce gun suicides

This year, Washington became the first state to put a voluntary "do not sell" law into effect. Similar legislation has been introduced in Oregon, Wisconsin, Louisiana, and five other states.

The process of banning yourself from guns in Washington state is fairly simple. It starts with a

person filling out a short form and presenting it, along with identification, at any county clerk's office. After verifying the person's ID, the clerk mails the document to the Washington State Patrol, which has 24 hours to enter it into the federal background check system, as well as the state's crime database. If that person were to then try to impulsively buy a gun anyway, he or she would be denied.

Residents who waive their firearm rights also have the option to un-waive them - as long as it's been at least seven days since the waiver was filed and they are not otherwise prohibited from gun ownership.

Five months after the policy was implemented, just three people have used it to suspend their gun rights, according to the State Patrol.

PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate: Baton Rouge 'ahead of the curve' in use of software to predict where crimes most likely to occur

Local officials and law enforcement leaders are embracing emerging technology that allows them to map where crimes are most likely to occur within Baton Rouge neighborhoods based on geographical factors like dollar stores, apartment complexes and blighted properties.

The software identifies high-risk locations where law enforcement patrols are most needed, which means the Baton Rouge Police Department can deploy their officers more effectively in hopes of preventing crime before it occurs.

That proactive model becomes especially important in light of the department's long-standing manpower shortage.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Colorado Springs Gazette: First responders bear the burden of mental health emergencies

In a state notorious for its fractured approach to mental health care, police and first responders are increasingly left to shoulder the load, forced to turn away from traditional tactics and play therapist, nanny and even chaperone as they quell crises that pile up amid systemwide deficits.

The unabated pace of mental health emergencies strains public agencies and fails people in need who are at risk of becoming enmeshed in a well-worn cycle - delivered to frantic emergency rooms, where follow-up care is scant, or locked up in jail, where their problems compound.

MENTAL ILLNESS

ABC FOX Montana: Gallatin County hiring mental health specialists to help with 911 calls

First responders are often asked to help people in the midst of severe mental health issues. A new Gallatin County program is hiring mental health experts to help when someone calls 911 in the midst of a crisis.

Michael Foust is the regional director for Western Montana Mental Health Center Gallatin. They're teaming up with Gallatin County law enforcement for a program that will allow mental health to be addressed directly in emergency calls.

The professionals will join police in responding directly to the caller's location. They'll help assess the person at the scene, preventing needless rides to the county jail.

JUVENILES

ABC 7 Detroit: Program will notify you when Michigan police pull over your teen

Michigan Sheriffs will let you know when your child is involved in a traffic stop.

The state Sheriffs' Association has partnered with State Farm to automate the S.T.O.P.P.E.D Program - Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers is a voluntary program for parents who would like to be notified when their child is involved in a traffic stop by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Parents do have to register to ensure they're part of the program.

TECHNOLOGY

The Guardian (UK): Facial recognition must not introduce gender or racial bias, police told

Facial recognition software should only be used by police if they can prove it will not introduce gender or racial bias to operations, an ethics panel has said.

A report by the London policing ethics panel, which was set up to advise City Hall, concluded that while there were "important ethical issues to be addressed" in the use of the controversial technology, they did not justify not using it at all.

Live facial recognition (LFR) technology is designed to check people passing a camera in a public place against images on police databases, which can include suspects, missing people or persons of interest to the police.

The Metropolitan police have carried out 10 trials using the technology across London, the most recent being in Romford town centre in mid-February.

BAIL

New York Daily News: Op-ed by NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill: One dangerous bail reform law: The Legislature must fix mistakes that will make New York City neighborhoods more vulnerable to crime

As part of this year's budget bill, the Legislature has passed a measure that will greatly reduce the number of arrested persons for whom judges may require bail. Taking effect in January 2020, the new legislation, as currently enacted, will have a significant negative impact on public safety.

The New York City Police Department favors responsible bail reform. There is no reason to hold non-violent minor offenders who pose no danger to public safety on cash bail of any amount. But any reform package should allow judges to remand arrested persons who represent a danger to others, as measured by the gravity of the offense for which they have been arrested and also by the gravity of offenses they have committed in the past.

Minnesota Public Radio: In Kenyon, the police chief knows demons, desperation and hope

Lee Sjolander has helped flip the stereotype of the hardened, stoic police chief. He is candid about the lessons he's learned from a traumatic childhood and his own struggles with mental health.

In doing so, he's reshaping the role police play in Kenyon.

The cops here take in stray animals and take care of them with money raised from people living in the community until the animals are adopted. Bikes lined up in front of the station are donated and free to anyone who needs one. A well-stocked food shelf is just inside the station's front door, which is always unlocked.

For Sjolander, who has been chief for 12 years, a childhood marked by memories of a neglectful mother who abused drugs and alcohol, poverty and hunger play a huge role in how he approaches his job.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

CNN: Mark Morgan takes over as acting director of ICE

Mark Morgan, who President Donald Trump announced earlier this month would lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement, took over as acting director of the agency on Tuesday, according to an announcement by acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan.

Morgan left his position as head of Border Patrol in January 2017, shortly after Trump signed a pair of executive orders strengthening border security and stepping up immigration enforcement.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Bethesda (MD) Magazine: Jones to be interim police chief, applies for job

Marcus Jones, an assistant police chief, has been picked as the Montgomery County's next interim police chief and has applied for the open job.

Jones, 55, has been with the department since 1985 and will fill the office following the departure of Russ Hamill next month. Hamill was named interim chief after Chief J. Thomas Manger retired in April.

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